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SUBJECT.

Parsee Cemetry in Ranganathpura Village Bangalore Taluk.

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FILE HEADING.

The Parsi Cemetery in the Ranganathpur village, Bangalore Taluq.

From The Deputy Commr. Bangalore District.

No. 461 Dated 5-3-10. Received 8-3-10.

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Requests under the circumstances stated to accord sanction for the setting up of the tablet with the combined inscription on the gateway of the Parsi Cemetery at Bangalore

NOTES AND ORDERS.

The necessity for a Parsi Burial Ground being felt on the death of one Mr Cama, Government were taking measures for the acquisition of a piece of land for the purpose. Meanwhile Mrs Cama intended purchasing the piece of land in which her husband was interred and present it as a

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burial ground for the Parsi Community in general. Accordingly she built a compound wall with a gate and also sunk a well at an cost of Rs 1400 and put up a tablet ~~bearing~~ on the gate bearing an inscription which subsequently has given rise to trouble.

✓ The land was bought by Government and presented to the Parsi Community for a burial ground and Mrs Cama's request to be allowed to pay its cost (an insignificant sum of Rs 41-4-0) was not complied with by Government presumably to avoid inconvenience to some ~~members~~ of the Parsees and to let the land be looked upon as public property, ~~and~~ not the gift of a private individual and the improvements made upon it, as endowment by Mrs Cama in memory of her husband. Mrs Cama also offered a sum ~~of~~ of Rs 1600 for the maintenance of the Cemetery which was ~~welcomed~~ ordered to be accepted by Government.

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✓ Subsequently some members of the Parsi Community ~~have~~ grown keen about the expression of ownership of the land in question, in the light of the inscription and took objection to the tablet. The trustees met various times to arrive at an unobjectionable inscription of the tablet ~~which were~~ to avoid unhealthy feelings in some members of the Community. They met for the last time on the 12th July 1910 and ~~unanimous~~ accepted the resolution ~~were passed~~ of the whole community of 11th July 09. suggesting that two inscriptions should be combined in the same tablet one regarding

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the endowment of Mrs Cama and another regarding the ownership of the land thus:

"In memory of the late Mr. D. M. Cama this Parsi Cemetery with the adjoining well is presented by his widow Sereenabai for the use of the Parsi Community. The land of this Cemetery was given by Government free of cost"

4 This suggestion is very satisfactory as a clear expression of the actual state of things and ~~cannot~~ cannot be objected to. But it has to be pointed out that the mention of the gift of land in the face of the inscription for the memory of Mr. Cama does not look quite happy particularly in view of the fact that Mrs Cama has already spent Rs1400 for the wall and the well and has promised Rs1600 for maintenance of the Cemetery, while the cost of the acquisition of land incurred by Government was only Rs 41- 4-0. It is submitted for consideration whether it is necessary to expressly mention the ownership of land in the inscription since it is an undoubted fact that the land was granted free of cost by Government.

5 In view of the fact that the tablet ~~has been~~ was thrown down and put up by particular parties or individuals it appears necessary that Government may direct that the Condition of the Cemetery should not be interfered with except with the permission of Government

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The objection raised by a few Parsees in their letter (an extract of which is sent by D. C. put up herewith) is that the endowment fund has not been paid. It is no objection to the proposed inscription which mentions nothing about the maintenance fund of Rs 1600. But as it has been offered more than once and since the the Government have ordered that it be accepted it is submitted whether it should not be enquired if the maintenance fund of Rs 1600 has been paid already, or is meant to be paid. This appears necessary as a corresponding change shall have to be made in the inscription after the payment of the maintenance fund promised by Mrs Cama.

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Previous references put up.

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1 The inscription proposed by the Trustees and that suggested by certain Parsis, in opposition, are as follows - (placed in juxtaposition for convenience).

As resolved by Trustees

In memory of the late Mr D.M. Cama, this cemetery with the adjoining well, is presented by his widow Sereenabai for the use of the Parsi Community. The land of this cemetery was given by Govt; free of cost.

As suggested by petrs (3 Parsis)

The Wall of this Parsi Cemetery was built and an endowment of Rs 1600/- was paid by Mrs Sereenabai M.D. Cama in memory of her deceased husband buried here.

Or, This ground of the Parsi Cemetery was given free of charge by the Govt. of Mysore, and the surrounding wall of the well were constructed and an endowment fund of Rs 1600/- paid by Mrs Cama, in memory of her husband buried here in 1892

4 In file No. 91 of 96-97 there is a note by (dated 10.12.96) by the then Secretary Mr C. Sreenivasaya, which contains all the facts connected with this case, how the cemetery came into existence and the different stages it has passed through. It is apparent that, from the commencement the entire Parsee Community in Bangalore

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have not been of one mind with regard to the manner in which this cemetery has to be viewed - either as a piece of charitable work of one individual Mr. Cama, or as a provision made by the govt. for the common use of the Parsis ~~with the~~ to which help from the individual, Mr. Cama, has also been contributed and accepted.

9 The present reference submitted for order by the Dy Comm also refers to the same point. A small party of Parsis consider that the wording of the inscription proposed by the Trustees is repugnant to the feelings of a section of the community who are not partizans of the Cama family and should therefore be modified as proposed by them.

10 A comparison of the wording of the two different proposed inscriptions shews that while they are both express the same facts to all intents & purposes, ~~these are bare~~, the version of the Trustees gives prominence to the act of charity by Mr. Cama while that of the petrs gives it a secondary place, the institution of the Cemetery itself being due to the action of govt. The distinction, though fine, is not, I think, without significance. And if it is intended to decide which is the more

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between the Resolution of the Trustees and the protest of the petitioners, I think the following points deserve consideration.

1. The land for the cemetery was acquired by Govt ~~under the Land Acquisition Act~~ and compensation for the same was paid out of Govt. revenues. It was said to be required for a public purpose, to wit, use as burial ground for Parsis. After such acquisition the assessment on the land was written off and it was ordered to be treated as public property available for Parsee Burials, a note to this effect being ordered to be made in the Khetwari Register of Village Accts. It is therefore clear that ~~in its~~ the origin of the cemetery was due to the act of Govt in public interest, though the occasion ~~on~~ which necessitated this act was a particular event viz; the death of Mrs Cama and the need of a proper place for his burial. The offer of Mrs Cama to pay for the value of the land was not accepted by Govt and so her object to make the cemetery ~~as~~ solely a charity of her own failed. In fact, if Mrs Cama wanted the land for the purpose of instituting a charity, it is very doubtful if the Govt. could have stepped in to acquire

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the land, for which was under occupation for her. It would have been necessary for her to acquire the lands by purchase or by other private negotiation with the owner. This was not done, but the govt acquired the land for a public purpose.

17 In the above view therefore, the cemetery can not strictly be ~~treated~~ considered as a charity of Mrs Cama. It is more properly a public cemetery but well endowed by the lady. The contention of the petrs appears to be deserving of consideration, and it is not clear why the Trustees should not adopt a form of inscription which would be unobjectionable to the entire community, and also more in conformity with the facts, if the view taken above is held to be correct.

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From Mrs. R. A. Captain, Bangalore.
Petn. Dated 29th March 1910.
Petition on the same subject.

Secretary) 21.3.10.

18 I agree in the view taken above & think that the proposed inscription should be so worded as to agree with the facts. The land was acquired by govt for use as a parsi cemetery when Mr Cama died & it was some years afterwards that Mrs Cama wanted to pay for the land. The question was fully considered & in Dec 1896 Govt decided

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that the purchase money was not to be recovered from Mrs Cama ~~but~~ + that the land shd remain as a good cemetry for the Parsi community. Mrs Cama has enclosed the land ~~the~~ at her cost & dug a well as an act of charity in memory of her husband + this may no doubt be commemorated in the tablet to be put up as she desires. But it would involve a slight departure from fact to say that the Cemetry has itself been presented by Mrs Cama. Some members of the Community seem to feel strongly on the point + do not wish to be recipients of Mrs Cama's charity - This was emphasized by Dr Choksi in 1896 (vide his letter of 30-3-1896.) + it was on this ground that the decision of Govt was taken in Dec 96 that Mrs Cama shd not be allowed to pay the purchase money of the land.

It is understood that during the past 18 years several Parsis besides Mr Cama have been buried in the cemetry, including Dr Choksi. ~~Their~~ ~~representatives might feel it unpleasant~~ ~~in the circumstances~~ It is also

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understood, ~~etc~~ from Mr R.A. Captain who made a personal representation to me on the subject, that Mrs Cama has not yet made the endowment of 1600 Rs promised by her, though it is likely enough that she will fulfil her promise when the tablet portion.

15 In the circs. it seems best to omit all reference in the tablet to the free grant of the land by Govt, the matter being of little importance, & to confine the reference in the tablet to the erection of the wall & the well by Mrs Cama. If she makes an endowment that fact may also be mentioned in the tablet. The tablet may be worded somewhat as follows.

"The surrounding wall of this Parsi Cemetery & the adjoining well were constructed by Mrs Sereenbai Cama in memory of her husband Mr Md. Cama buried in this cemetery in 1892".

16 Mr R.A. Captain, who is said to be a brother of Dr Choksi & one of the permanent residents of Bangalore, saw me today & presented a petn which is put up. He desires to be heard in person if necessary

"and an endowment fund of Rs 1600, ~~not~~ paid"

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This is apparently matter for the Revenue Member's disposal —

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I agree with the Secretary
Please put up draft for approval.
Mr Captain saw me & explained his objections
Some members of the Parsee Community resident in Bangalore do not like the idea of being beholden to Mrs Cama for the Cemetery & their feelings are entitled to consideration

KVR

19 Put up draft & submit to Sec'y 2/5/10

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2/5/10

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(20 Subd with a draft-

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VS
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Please putup a fair draft as revised

Fair dft subd
Hon. Mr. H.S.

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As being a matter of some local importance concerning an influential & enlightened Community, the Draft will be submitted to the Diwan for approval

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To the D. C. Bangalore for Comm^n to the Board of Trustees & Mrs Cary

10. No 6/1542. d- 2.9.10

Observes that there can be no objection to the acts of charity of Mrs Cama being recorded commemorated on the tablet proposed to be putup and prescribes the wording of the tablet repd to above (8l-7), as it would not be

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quite correct to describe the cemetery as entirely the charity of her own

May an endorsement be issued to Mr. R. A. Captain with reference to his application of 29-3-10?

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8-9-10

Not necessary, as this request was only ~~to be heard~~ that a representation of this should be considered. ~~This~~ has been done
9.9.10

Let me have the file re the Parsi Cemetery

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Letter send a copy of the order as a full and to Mr Captain
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	Draft subd as directed above
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11	To R.A. Captain Eog. Bangalore
	No a1776 d 19.9.10.
	With refce to sl. 7a above, informs the
7	Capt of sl. 10 above.

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From

The Dy commissioner,
Bangalore district

To

The Secretary to Government
Jud & Rev. Departments

Dated 5-3-10
Despatched } march 1910

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Enclosure No. 2

Requests, under the circumstances stated, to accord sanction for the setting up of the tablet with the combined inscription on the gate way of the Parsi Cemetery at Bangalore

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Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Bangalore District.
Dated Bangalore, 5th March 1910.

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B.J.Kumaraswami Naik, Esq., B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District.

To

C.S.Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Offg: Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, General and Revenue
Departments, Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honor to state that as there was no separate burial ground for the Parsi community at Bangalore, and as the want of it was felt when one Mr. D.M.Cama died, it was proposed to set apart the present land of the Parsi cemetery for the purpose and steps were taken to acquire the land by the Revenue authorities.

2 Simultaneously, Mrs Sereenabai M.Cama intended to purchase the very land in which her husband, the late Mr.D.M.Cama was interred and present the same for use as Parsi Cemetery.

3. With this object in view, the lady built a substantial compound wall with a gate round the burial ground and sunk a well in the adjoining land at a cost of Rs.1,400/- and put up a tablet on the gate bearing the inscription, "In memory of the late Mr. D.M.Cama, this Parsi burial ground with the adjoining well is presented by his widow Sereenabai for the use of the Parsi community".

4 Meanwhile, the acquisition of the land by the Revenue authorities having been completed, the order of Government, passed in their Proceedings No.5488-87/R.F.91-96 dated 15th December 1896, by which the land was assigned for the Parsi cemetery and the cost of the acquisition of the land was not required to be recovered from Mrs.Cama, was duly communicated to the lady. In reply Mrs.Cama expressed her disappointment in not being allowed to pay the cost of the land, since according to the Parsi religious belief and time-

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place for the deceased of their community should not be allowed to be spared by any one else but their coreligionists. While, however, submitting to the Government order, she promised to pay Rs.1,600/- as an endowment for the up-keep, out of the interest thereon, of the cemetery and the maintenance in good order of her deceased husband's grave and further stated that the Trust deed should make it binding upon the trustees to keep for ever in good order the tablet put up by her on the gate of the cemetery.

5 The trustees of the cemetery to whom the above letter was communicated, resolved at their meeting held on 5th August 1897 that no trust deed was needed in as much as the Government order was by itself sufficiently valid and binding and that Mrs.Cama be informed that the Trustees would be glad to put up and maintain a tablet on the gate of the cemetery if it be inscribed in the following manner:-

"The wall of this Parsi cemetery was built and an endowment of Rs.1,600/- was paid by Mrs. Sereenabai M.D.Cama, in memory of her deceased husband buried here".

6. These resolutions were duly communicated to Mrs.Cama.

7. The original tablet put upon the gate of the Parsi cemetery by Mrs.Cama on the 1st of April 1898, the first anniversary of Mr.D.M.Cama's death, was, it is reported, afterwards arbitrarily removed by the late Dr.D.A.Choksi, on the ground that the land of the cemetery was given by Government. It is further reported that the tablet which remained in the cemetery gardener's room for some years was again put up on the gate in 1906, by a relation of the Camas, that had come from Bombay, on a visit to Bangalore. On his return to Bombay one or two Parsi inhabitants of Bangalore, it would appear, again removed the tablet from its place and threw it away, perhaps in the adjoining well.

8. On the representation of Mrs.Cama made through Mr.Bhabha, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, the Parsi inhabitants and visitors to Bangalore, 36 in number have addressed me as President of the Board of Trustees for the Management of the Parsi ceme-
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cemetery at Bangalore, to say that they have no objection if the tablet originally put up on the gate of the cemetery by Mrs.Cama is restored as requested by her, provided that an additional -- tablet is put up stating that the land of the cemetery was -- assigned to the Pari community by the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore and that they are glad to hear that an endowment fund of Rs.1,500/- has also been given by Mrs.Cama.

9. Further, at a general meeting of Parsi residents and visitors to Bangalore with Mr.Bhabha in the chair, held on 11th July 1909, in connection with the affairs of the Parsi cemetery an unnamious resolution (an extract of which is herein enclosed) was passed in the terms of the application above referred to, suggesting that one tablet combining the two inscriptions as noted hereunder may be put up on the gate of the cemetery:-

'In memory of the late Mr.D.M.Cama, this Parsi cemetery with the adjoining well is presented by his widow Sereenabai, for the use of the Parsi community. The land of this cemetery was given by Government free of cost".

10. The wording of the tablet has, however, been objected to in strong terms by one Mr.Captain and three other Parsi Genetlemen who have put in a petition(copy herewith sent) protesting against it. They seem to think that the proposed inscription on the tablet is calculated to create an erroneous impression of ownership or gift or dedication of the cemetery to the community. It is urged that the land was granted free of charge by Government and as the cemetery is maintained mainly out of the common funds contributed by the entire Parsi community at Bangalore, it cannot be appropriately termed as a "presentation to the community by Mrs.Cama" On the otherhand, they say they have no objection to either a tablet worded in accordance with the Resolution of the Board of Trustees in 1897, being put up after the payment by Mrs. Cama of the endowment fund(Viz.Rs.1,600/-) promised by her or better

better still as noted in the margin.

"This ground of the Parsi cemetery was given free of charge by the Government of Mysore and the surrounding wall and the well were constructed and an endowment fund of Rs.1,600/- paid by Mrs.Cama in memory of her husband buried here in 1892."

12. The petition received from Mr.Captain and also the letter from Mr.Bhabha Chairman of the general meeting of the Parsis held on 11th July 1909, were placed before the Board of Trustees at a meeting held on 12th January 1910, when after considering all aspects of the question, it was agreed upon that the resolution passed on 11th July 1909 should be given effect to.(Extract of the resolution enclosed)

13. In view of the fact that the actual cost of the land of the cemetry is very little, when compared with the amount spent by Mrs.Cama for the construction of the wall round the burial ground and the sinking of the well as also the amount promised by the lady towards the maintenance of the cemetery, I am of opinion that there is nothing objectionable in considering the cemetery with the adjoining well, as a present by Mrs.Cama to the community.

14. The resolution arrived at by the Parsi residents and visitors to Bangalore and approved of by the Board of Trustees in their last meeting seems to be a very reasonable one, as the objection raised by the late Dr.Choksi and Mr.Captain and others to the original inscription is met by the addition of the words "The land of this cemetery was given by Government free of cost."

15. To avoid further dispute and interference with the tablet, I request that Government may be pleased to accord sanction to the setting up of the tablet with the combined inscription as above suggested, and I may add here that Mrs.Cama is agreeable to this proposal and accordingly solicit early orders in the matter.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

Deputy Commissioner.

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Extract of Paras I and 2 of the Proceedings of a meeting of the Parsi inhabitants and visitors to Bangalore held on Sunday the 11th July 1909 at Bangalore in Mr.Bhabha's house.

I. Proposed by Mr.J.E.Master and seconded by Mr.Kharshedjee Dhunjeesha and passed unanimously that this meeting of the Parsi residents and visitors of Bangalore is of opinion that the original tablet on the gate of the cemetery may be restored, provided another tablet is also fixed stating that the land of the cemetery was assigned as a free gift by the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore for the use of the Parsee cemetery.

II. Proposed by Mr.H.B.Barucha and seconded by Mr.Rustomji Nowroji Bhedwar and carried unanimously that Mr.H .J Bhabha, Secretary to the Board of Trustees of the Parsi cemetery may be requested to communicate the above resolution to the President and members of the Board of Trustees with a view to their obtaining the sanction of Government to the fixing of the two tablets referred to in Resolution I.

"E X T R A C T"

For Deputy Commissioner.

Letter dated 7th August 1909, from Mr.R.A.Captain, to the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District.

I beg respetcfully to state that I am a member of the Parsi Community who have been a resident of Bangalore for the last twenty nine years.

In 1892, when Mr.Cama of Bombay died here, the Government acquired a piece of land on payment of compensation in the Kayemgutta Ranganathapur village, Bangalore Taluk, and assigned it for a Parsi Cemetery under section 39 of the Land Revenue Regulation. In 1896 Mrs.Cama wrote to Government requesting to pay the price of the land and suggesting the constitution of a Board of Trustees for the management of the cemetery, and also offering to invest Rs.1,600/- for the purpose of providing for the maintenance of the burial ground. Government in their Proceedings No.5485-87 R.F.91-96 dated 15th December 1896, declined to recover the cost of the land from Mrs. Cama, appointed a Board of Trustees of whom I was one, and accepted Mrs. Cama's offer to invest Rs.1,600/- for the upkeep of the ground. In July 1897, Mrs.Cama offered to pay the Rs.1,600/- on certain conditions. The Board with the Deputy Commissioner Mr.B. K.Venkatavarada Iyengar, as President, resolved inter alia that in the face of the Government order already passed, they could not recommend the recovery of the cost of the land from Mrs.Cama, that a trust deed ~~Board~~ was unnecessary and that on payment of the Rs.1,600/- offered by Mrs.Cama, the Trustees would be glad to put up and maintain a tablet on the gate of the cemetery, if it were inscribed as follows:-"The wall of this Parsi Cemetery was built and an endowment fund of -- Rs.1,600/- was paid by Mrs Seerinbai M.D.Cama in memory of her deceased husband buried here").Vide Proceedings of the Board dated 5th August 1897, a copy of which was forwarded to me by the Deputy Commissioner and President with Memo No.258 dated the 6th idem).

The investiment promised was never paid, nor was a tablet put up with the above mentioned inscription. In the year 1906, the objectionably worded tablet which was removed about twelve

twelve years ago was unauthorizedly put up by some of the relatives of Mrs Cama, who happened to be in Bangalore at that time. Then, I as the Trustee in charge of the burial ground, with all other residents of this place sent a petition to the then Deputy Commissioner Mr.H.Sparkes, protesting against it with the result that that Officer in his letter No.537 dated 4th September 1906, issued in the Municipal Department, informed me"that the stone referred to in the petition has since been removed."

Owing to ill health as well as on account of some unpleasantness which arose between me and another influential mumber of the Board of Trustees, I was obliged to resign my seat in the Board last year. There have also been other changes in the personale of the Board owing to the death of one of its original member, the late Dr.Choksi, and the departure from the station of another member Mr.Master, Bar-at-law.

I understand that the present Board, backed up by some partizans of the Cama family outsiders, occasionaly, briefly sojourning at Bangalore, now contemplate the putting up of two new tablets, one not open to objection, and the other objectionably worded like the one which was removed in 1906, and which Mrs.Cama herself admitted (in her note in the cemetery fund subscription book) had been improperly put up by certain persons on her behalf without her knowledge and consent. This I submit is an act inconsistent with the past history of the cemetery, and not only opposed to the spirit of Government orders, but also repugnant to the feelings of a section of the Parsi Community in Bangalore who are not partizns of the Cama family, and who have not signed the petition which is forwarded to you, By all means, let a tablet worded in accordance with the Board's resolution of 1897 be put up after the payment by Mrs.Cama of the endowment fund promised by her. Any other tablet calculated to create an erroneous impression of ownership or gift or dedication or otherwise, is manifestly not permissible being not only inconsistent with fact but also hurtful to the feelings of such of the Parsi residents of Bangalore who have declined to

and also assured the Parsi resident of Bangalore that she would never put up a tablet against

(vide Parsi Cemetery Book 1906).

toassociate themselves with this irregular movement. The gentlemen who seem to favour the movement cannot be said to represent the whole of the Parsee Community of Bangalore, every one of whom has a right to protest against anything being done, calculated to wound his religious feelings and susceptibilities. In a delicate matter like this, mere numbers cannot count much.

Under the circumstances, I venture to approach with this humble representation in the fullest confidence that you will kindly refuse to countenance and sanction the improper action contemplated by Mrs.Cama's friends and partizans.

N.B. We, i.e. certain other Parsi residents of Bangalore concur and identify ourselves with the above.

Sd/-C.Merwanji
F.R.Boyee.
M.M.Marker.

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After writing the above petition, it has come to my knowledge that the present Board, as ~~desired~~ advised by Mrs.Cama and her partizans now contemplate to put up one tablet only, with two different inscriptions, the first one is objectionable, and the other not open to objection.

9th August 1909.

Sd/-R.C.Captain.

"C O P Y"

for Deputy Commissioner.

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1, St Marks Road

Bangalore

29th March 1910

To

The Secretary to the

Government of H H the Maharaja of Mysore

General and Revenue Departments

Bangalore.

Sir,

In submitting herewith a copy of a representation made by me on the 7th Inst to the Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District, I beg respectfully to request that before passing orders on any reference which might have been received on the subject of the Parsi Cemetery at Bangalore, Government would be graciously pleased to give the above representation their favourable consideration. The matter though apparently simple is one calculated to wound the religious susceptibilities of the unbiassed section of the community to which I have the honor to belong.

I beg to remain

Sir

Your most obdnt servant

R. A. Captain

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Diary No. of letter replied to

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

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Date of issue 2-9-10.

Signed by B. Ramaswamia.

READ— Again
G.O No. 5485-87/R.F. 91-96 dated 15th Decr. 96 declining the offer made by Mrs. Cama to pay the cost of the Parsi burial ground acquired by Govt and directing that the land shall remain as Govt. cemetery assigned for the Parsi Community.
(2) Letter No. S. 461 dated 5th March 1910 from the Deputy Commissioner,

over

ORDER THEREON.—No.

SUBJECT

GPB—6,000—13-5-08

Bangalore Dt. Soliciting
the orders of Govt in the
matter of setting up a Tablet
in the gateway of the Parsi
Cemetery at Bangalore, as
the Resolution of the Board of
Trustees regarding the word-
ing of the inscription on the
Tablet is objected to by certain
Parsee residents of Bangalore.

Order thereon No G1542 d. 2.9.10
Sec 72-09-10

The land for the
cemetery was acquired by
Govt and compensation for
the same was paid out ~~by~~ of
the general revenues. There
is no doubt that the cemetery
was established and set apart
for the use of the Parsee Com-
munity by the Govt, though
the immediate occasion,
which necessitated it was
~~the particular event, viz;~~
the death of Mr Cama and
the need of a proper place for

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(*Continuation Sheet draft form.*)

for his burial. The offer of Mrs. Cama to pay for the value of the land was not accepted by Govt as will be seen from the Govt order read above, and so her object to make the cemetery solely a charity of her own was not fulfilled.

(2) The wording of the inscription as resolved by the Trustees does not entirely accord with the facts as stated above though there is no doubt that Mrs. Cama has contributed largely to the usefulness of the cemetery by ~~enclosing the land by~~ putting up a compound wall and sinking a well at her own cost. It is also reported that she has promised a contribution of Rs 1600/- as an endowment to the cemetery. There can be no objection to these acts of charity being commemorated in the tablet proposed to be put up, though, as objected to by the petitioners, it would not be quite correct to describe

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the cemetery as entire} the Charity
~~charities~~ of Mrs. Cama.

(3) The Govt are, accordingly} pleased to direct that the proposed tablet be worded as follows

"The surrounding wall of this Parsi cemetery and the adjoining well were constructed [* and an endowment fund of Rs 1600/- paid] by Mrs Sereenbai Cama. in memory of her husband Hn. M. D. Cama buried in the cemetery in 1892."

* to be entered if she makes the promised endowment.

Fair Draft.

Dated 29 Aug 10

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by order etc. Secy

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To The Dy. Commr. Bangalore Dt.

Cama. for communication to the Board of Trustees and to Mrs Cama.

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No. G 1776 dated 2-09-11

GOVERNMENT OF H. H. THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

General and Revenue Secretariat.

(Gen. Mis:)

Office Memorandum.

To R. A. Captain Esqre, Bangalore.

the 19 Septr 1910.

With reference to his petn dated 29th March 1910, re the wording of the tablet proposed to be fixed to the gateway of the Parsi Cemetery in the Ranganathpur village, Bangalore Taluk, Mr. R. A. Captain is informed that the Govt in their Po: No. G 1542/Gen. 72-09-10 dated 2nd September 1910 have observed that though there is no doubt that Mrs Cama has contributed largely to the usefulness of the Cemetery by putting up a compound wall and sinking a well at her own cost, and has also promised a contribution of Rs 1,600/- as an endowment to the Cemetery, it would not quite accord with facts to describe the Cemetery as entirely the charity of Mrs Cama as the wording of the inscription as resolved by the Trustees would imply, and that therefore the Govt have directed that the proposed tablet be worded as follows:-

" The surrounding wall of this Parsi Cemetery and the adjoining well were constructed [* and an endowment fund of Rs 1,600/- paid] by Mrs Sereenbai Cama in memory of her husband Mr. M. D. Cama buried in the Cemetery in 1892."

(* (She entered if she makes the promised endowment.)

By order,

19/9/10

for Secretary

VS

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